

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC GRAMMARS
AND FOCUSED SEMANTIC PARSING**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention provides a dialogue
system in which semantic ambiguity is reduced by
selectively choosing which semantic structures are to
be made available for parsing based on previous
information obtained from the user or other context
10 information . In one embodiment, the semantic grammar
used by the parser is altered so that the grammar is
focused based on information about the user or the
dialogue state. In other embodiments, the semantic
parsing is focused on certain parse structures by
15 giving preference to structures that the dialogue
system has marked as being expected.